

Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development Council

Minutes of Regular Meeting

**Jessie Parker Building
510 E. 12th Street, Starkweather Room
Des Moines, IA**

December 9, 2015

Present:

Sarah Brown, Iowa Department of Education
John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, 4-H Youth Development
Jim Hennessey, Child Advocacy Board
Wendy Rickman, Iowa Department of Human Services
Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development (by phone)

Results Team:

Steve Michael, CJJP
Terri Bailey, AMP
Kile Beisner, CJJP
Julie Hibben, Iowa Department of Public Health
Dave Kuker, CJJP
Michaela Malloy Rotert, Iowa Workforce Development
Kathy Nesteby, CJJP
Betsy Penisten, SIYAC Coordinator
Jeff Regula, CJJP
Doug Wolfe, Iowa Department of Human Services

Others Present:

TJ Foley, SIYAC Chair (by phone)

I. Introductions and Announcements

Steve Michael called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. Introductions were made. A quorum was present.

II. State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) Update

TJ Foley, SIYAC Chair, reported on the second quarter SIYAC meeting held yesterday:

- Members endorsed six out of seven position papers.
- The Education Subcommittee is working to: 1) increase the maximum compulsory school age from 16 to 17; and 2) test radon in every Iowa school, requiring mitigation if necessary.
- The Health Subcommittee is working on 1) a comprehensive suicide prevention bill, endorsed by legislators from both parties, which focuses on teacher training to recognize warning signs; 2) a bill to ban tanning beds for minors.
- The Human Rights Committee is working on bills to combat sexual assault and ban gay conversion therapy.



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- Service projects include ways to improve SIYAC, a feminine hygiene product drive for women's shelters, and a toy drive.

Separately, Foley discussed his interest in developing an international youth council similar to SIYAC. He noted conversations with foreign delegates from several Central American countries regarding the lack of youth input/involvement in legislative proceedings. He asked for comments on organizing a separate, non-profit organization, or something similar, under the guidance of the Department of Human Rights. Michael thought the effort fell outside the scope of ICYD, SIYAC, and the Iowa Code. John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas suggested contacting the National Resource Center for Youth Services. Other suggestions included the National Youth Rights Association. Foley will look further into the matter and report back.

III. Approval of the Minutes from June 24, 2015 ICYD meeting

Jim Hennessey moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting, seconded by Chaisson-Cardenas. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Juvenile Reentry Implementation Project

Dave Kuker reviewed the juvenile reentry project, a flowchart, and work plan. A task force has been seated to implement a plan for delinquent youth returning home from group care or the Boys' State Training School. Subcommittees will develop assessments, transition and permanency plans and involve ICYD agencies. A reentry coordinator position will be staffed in the Judicial Branch. A variety of information systems will be utilized to capture and share data. National consultants are providing technical assistance.

V. Performance Partnership Pilot (P3) Proposal

- a. What can we do without P3? – No cost / low cost activities
- b. Coordinate efforts with Juvenile Reentry

Michael reported that since Iowa was not awarded the P3 grant, the Results Team met to discuss what could be done without federal support to enhance juvenile reentry or other activities and also consider whether to reapply for the 2016 P3 grant.

Two recommendations were brought forth from that meeting:

- Continue to identify no-cost/low-cost P3 activities and implementation strategies for existing or ongoing activities;
- Review the 2016 P3 federal solicitation to determine whether to reapply.

Michaela Malloy Rotert noted concerns with Iowa Workforce Development taking the lead due to staffing transitions and implementation of WIOA.

Wendy Rickman suggested taking the P3 strategies, embedding them into current efforts where applicable.

There was agreement with the above two recommendations. Once received, Michael will share the 2016 P3 solicitation with members for further consideration. He thanked those involved in preparing the 2015 proposal.

VI. Juvenile Justice Reform and Reinvestment Initiative (JJRRI)

- a.** Expansion to 4th and 5th Judicial Districts
- b.** 2nd Round in 1st, 3rd, and 6th Judicial Districts
- c.** Sustainability efforts

Nestebj reported that the project is in its fourth year and measures whether juvenile justice program services reduce recidivism. The Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) tool is used in the evaluation process. A pilot and full-round of scoring has been conducted on community-based programs in the 1st, 3rd, and 6th Judicial Districts. Four residential facilities have also been scored, including the Boys' State Training School. The project is now in the second round of scoring which includes recommended changes from the previous rounds.

The project is expanding to the 4th and 5th Judicial Districts. These areas are creating a list of community-based services that can be measured.

Other work includes the creation of a 'Dispositional Matrix'—a structured decision making tool for the juvenile justice system, data collection to reinforce the tool, and funding requests to sustain the project. It was noted how this project fits with the juvenile reentry project and recidivism measures for youth who have been provided services.

VII. 2015 Annual Report

- a.** Due on February 1, 2016

Michael noted that a draft annual report will be shared via email so members can provide comments prior to the due date.

VIII. Other Business

- a.** Student Achievement Gap

John-Paul Chaisson-Cardenas reported that many current efforts focus on intervention, but not prevention. He suggested forming a subcommittee to study gaps that have existed over the last 20-30 years and strive for uniform youth development programs across populations.



He invited members to the Science Center on February 4th for a day-long conversation on implicit bias and disproportionality in education, wealth/home ownership, employment, child well-being, and juvenile justice. The purpose would be to bring committee and community members together to partner in moving forward. He would also like ICYD to serve as a charter.

Rickman offered to have Doug Wolfe, DHS, contact Chaisson-Cardenas regarding an education collaborative. She also noted a report being finalized by the children's mental health committee which addresses child well-being and includes specific recommendations for legislative support.

Chaisson-Cardenas offered to share a charter at the next meeting.

IX. Adjourn – Next meeting – Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 2:00 – 4:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rinker
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Div. of Criminal & Juvenile Justice Planning